JTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity)

Docket No. 80445-1120 (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Total Pages in this Submission TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS **Box Patent Application** Washington, D.C. 20231 Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an and invented by: Craig A. Nickell, et al. If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information: ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Which is a: 10/155,930 ☑ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Which is a: 09/920,505 ☑ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/478,907 Enclosed are: **Application Elements** 1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below Specification having 24 pages and including the following: Descriptive Title of the Invention Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable) Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable) Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix d. 🔲 e. 🔀 Background of the Invention f. 🛛 Brief Summary of the Invention Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) g. 🛛 **Detailed Description** Claim(s) as Classified Below Abstract of the Disclosure j. 🛛

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the phor application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.						
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